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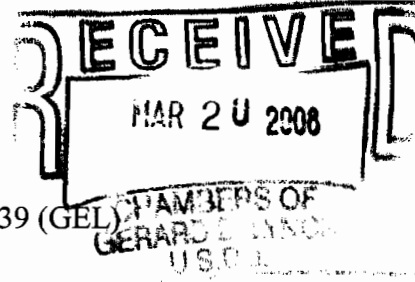
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Honorable Gerard E. Lynch
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Layzer et al. v. Leavitt, 07 Civ. 11339 (GEL)

Dear Judge Lynch:

I write respectfully on behalf of the defendant in the above-referenced case, Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services ("Defendant" or the "Government"), to request that the deadline to answer, move or otherwise respond to the complaint be extended from March 20, 2008 until April 2, 2008

The Government respectfully requests this extension as it has recently determined that substantial portions of the administrative record – which it intends to file with the answer – contain personal information which must be redacted before filing with the Court. It is estimated that the redactions on the 1200-page record may take up to two weeks. This is the Government's second request for an extension. The first request was for a 30-day extension to afford the Government additional time to compile and review the administrative record. Once again, Plaintiffs have graciously consented to the Government's request for an extension.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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*SO ORDERED
GERARD E. LYNCH, U.S.D.J.

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